



GODLY GIFTS, FAITHFUL FATHER, DIVINE DELIVERY

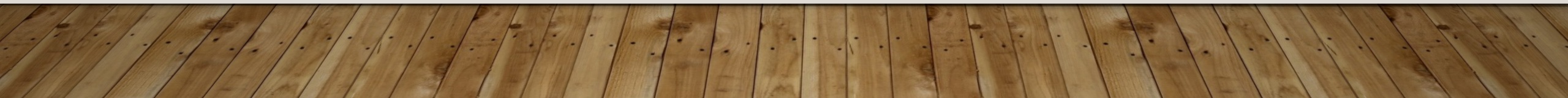
JAMES 1:16-18 BIBLE STUDY

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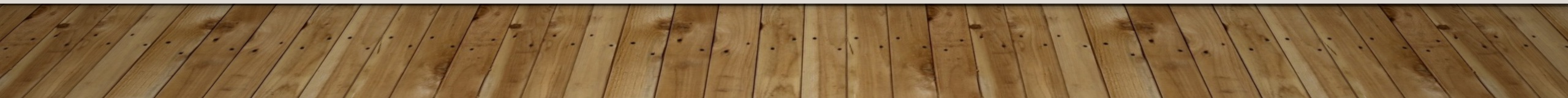


CONTEXT GROWING PAINS

- 1 James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in the Dispersion. Joy be to you! 2 Consider it all joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 And let this perseverance bring about [its] perfect work, so that you may be perfect and complete – lacking in nothing. (Jas 1:1-4, AT)
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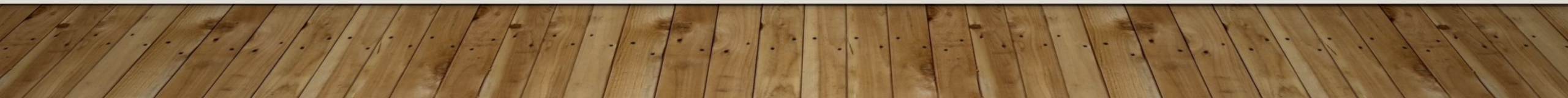


CONTEXT
UNWAVERING REQUEST
FOR WISDOM

- 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, that person must ask God who gives to all sincerely and without reproaching, and it will be given to you. 6 But they must ask in faith(fulness), not wavering in doubt. For the one who doubts is like a surge of waves on the sea, being blown by the wind and tossed back and forth. 7 That person must not expect that they will receive anything from the Lord 8 – a double-minded individual, unstable in all their ways. (Jas 1:5-8, AT)
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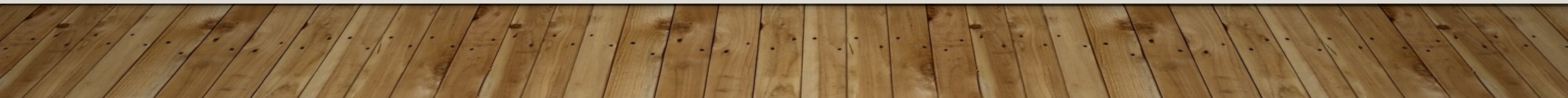
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CONTEXT THE GREAT REVER\$AL

- 9 The believer in humble circumstances must boast in their high position – 10 but the rich in their humiliation, because like a flower of the field they will pass away. 11 For the sun rises with scorching heat, and the field dries up, and its flower falls, and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed. In the same way, the rich – in their journeys [in life] – will fade away (Jas 1:9-11, AT)
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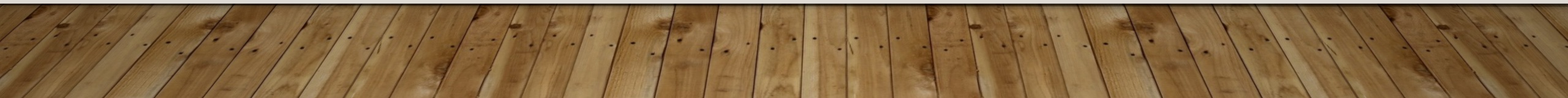


CONTEXT
BLESSED ASSURING,
BEWARE OF THE LURING

- 12 Blessed is the one who perseveres trial, because having been tested, they will receive the crown of life, which [the Lord] has promised to those who love Him. 13 When being tempted, let no one say, "I am being tempted by God." For God is untemptable by evil – and He tempts no one. 14 But each person is tempted by their own desire, being lured and dragged away. 15 Then desire, having conceived, begets sin; sin, having been brought to maturity, gives birth to death (Jas 1:12-15, AT)
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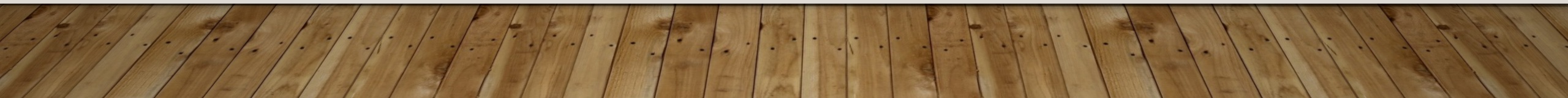


JAMES 1:16 DON'T BE DECEIVED

- Don't be deceived, my beloved brothers and sisters. (Jas 1:16, AT)
 - The heart is **deceitful** above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? (Jer 17:9, NIV)
 - 12 “What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them **wanders away** [*planaō*], will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that **wandered off** [*planaō*]? 13 And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not **wander off** [*planaō*]. 14 In the same way your **Father** in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish. (Mt 18:12-14, NIV)
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JAMES 1:16
DON'T BE DECEIVED

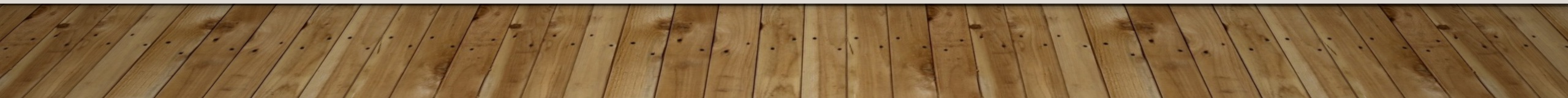
- 19 My **brothers and sisters**, if one of you should **wander** [*planaō*] **from the truth** and someone should bring that person back,
20 remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will **save them from death** and cover over a multitude of sins (Jas 5:19-20, NIV)
 - If we claim to be without sin, we **deceive** [*planaō*] **ourselves** and the truth is not in us. (1 Jn 1:8, NIV)
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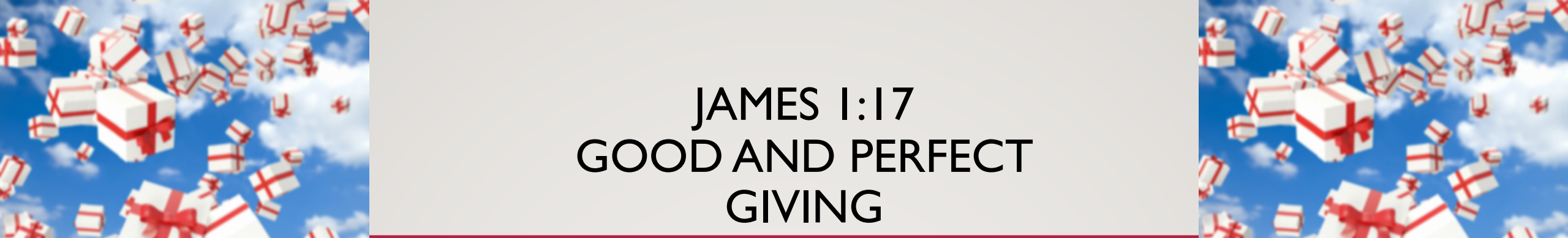


JAMES 1:16
LOVING, FAMILIAL
ADMONITION

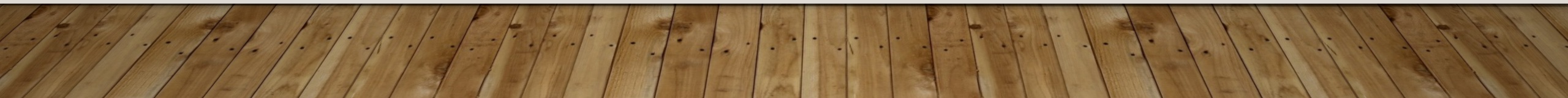
5 Better is **open rebuke**
than **hidden love**.

6 Wounds from a friend can be trusted,
but an enemy multiplies kisses.



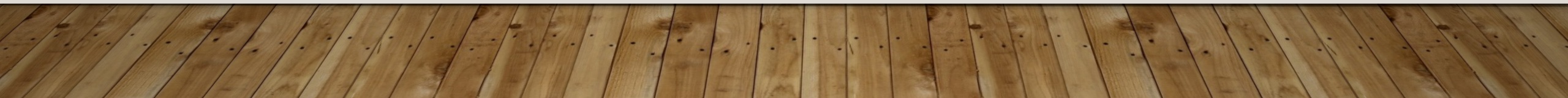
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JAMES 1:17
GOOD AND PERFECT
GIVING

- All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the [heavenly] lights – with whom there is no variation or shadow from turning. (Jas 1:17, AT)
 - If any of you lacks wisdom, that person must ask God who **gives to all sincerely** and without reproaching, and it will be given to you (Jas 1:5, AT)
 - And let this perseverance bring about [its] **perfect** work, so that you may be **perfect** and complete – lacking in nothing. (Jas 1:4, AT)
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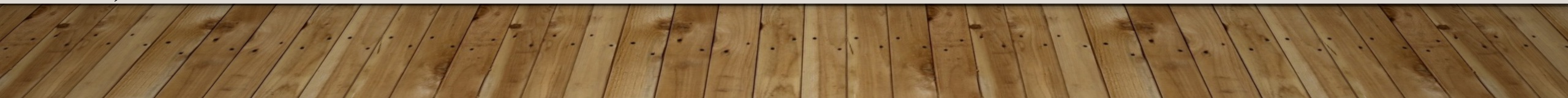


JAMES 1:17
GOOD GIFTS
FROM ABOVE

- 13 Who is **wise** and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of **wisdom**. 14 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. 15 **Such wisdom** does not come down **from above** [*anōthen*], but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. (Jas 3:13-15, NRSV)
 - 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. 17 But the **wisdom from above** [*anōthen*] is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. (Jas 3:16-17, NRSV)
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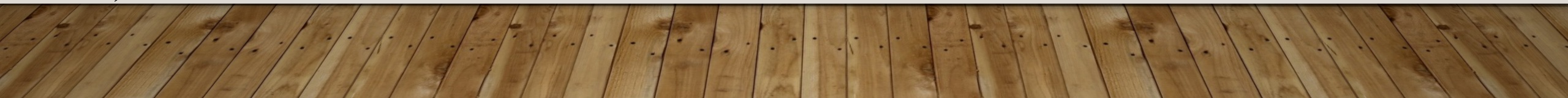


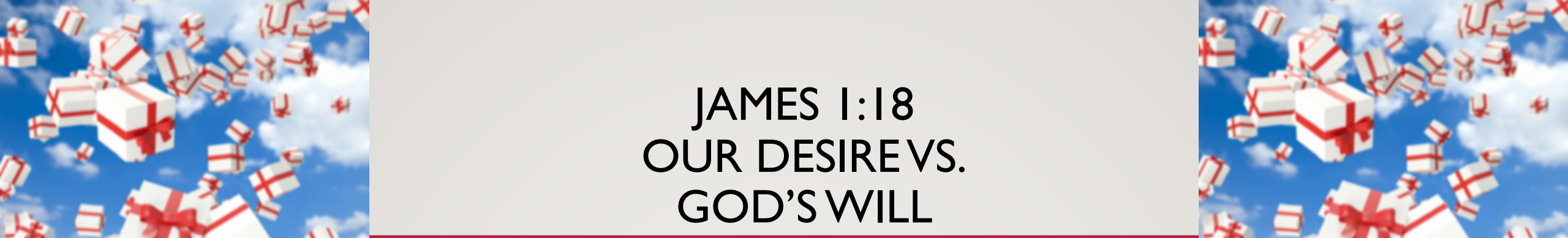
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GOOD GIFTS
FROM ABOVE

- 43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I tell you, **love your enemies** and **pray** for those who **persecute** you, 45 that you may be children **of your Father** in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. (Mt 5:43-45, NIV)
 - If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your **Father in heaven give good gifts** to those who ask him! (Mt 7:11, NIV)
 - If you then, though you are evil, know how to **give good gifts** to your children, how much more will your **Father in heaven** give the **Holy Spirit** to those who ask him!” (Lk 11:13, NIV)
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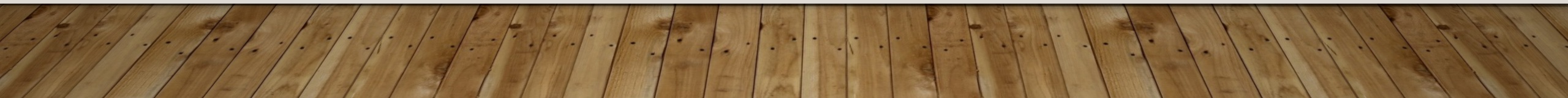


JAMES 1:17 HEAVENLY LIGHTS

- And God said, “**Let there be light,**” and there was **light**. (Gen 1:3, NIV)
 - 14 And God said, “Let there be **lights** in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, 15 and let them be **lights** in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. 16 God made **two great lights**—the **greater light** to govern the day and the **lesser light** to govern the night. He also made the stars. 17 God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, 18 to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day. (Gen 1:14-19, NIV)
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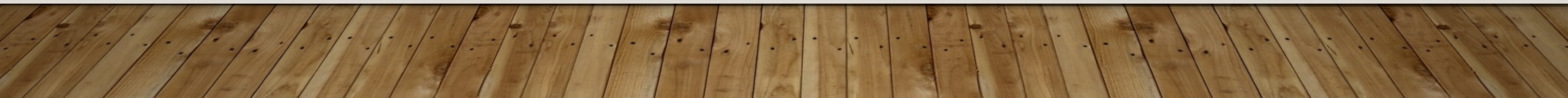


JAMES 1:18
OUR DESIRE VS.
GOD'S WILL

- According to His will, He gave birth to us by the word of truth so that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. (Jas 1:18, AT)
 - 14 But each person is tempted by their own **desire**, being lured and dragged away. 15 Then **desire**, having conceived, begets sin; sin, having been brought to maturity, gives birth to death. (Jas 1:14-15, AT)
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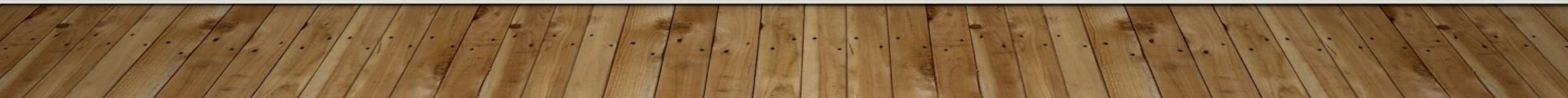


JAMES 1:18
BORN OF GOD

- “When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called **my son**. (Hos 11:1, NIV)
 - For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has **chosen you out of all the peoples** on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. (Dt 7:6, NIV)
 - You deserted the Rock, who **fathered** you; you forgot the God **who gave you birth**. (Dt 32:18, NIV)
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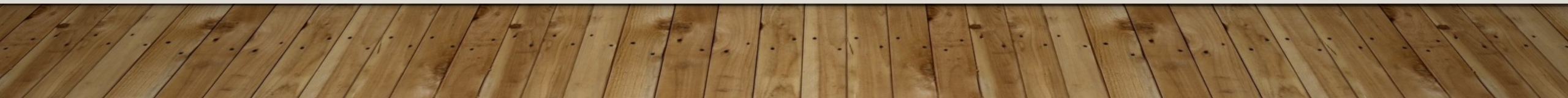


JAMES 1:18 BORN OF GOD

- 23 You have been **born anew**, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the **living and enduring word of God**. For 24 “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, 25 but the word of the Lord endures forever.” That word is the **good news** that was announced to you. (1 Pet 1:23-25, NRSV)
 - he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of **rebirth** and renewal by the **Holy Spirit** (Tit 3:5, NIV)
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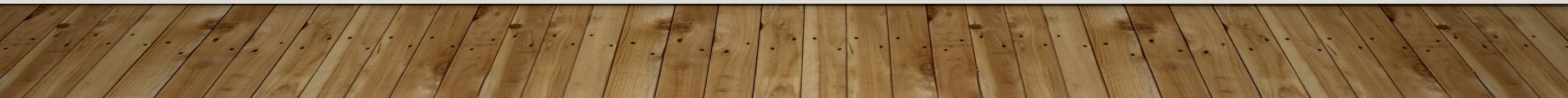


JAMES 1:18
BORN OF GOD/
BORN FROM ABOVE

- 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did **not** receive him.
12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who **believed** in his name, he gave the right to become **children of God**—13 **children** born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but **born of God**. (Jn 1:11-13, NIV)
 - Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born **from above** [*anōthen*]”. (Jn 3:3, NRSV)
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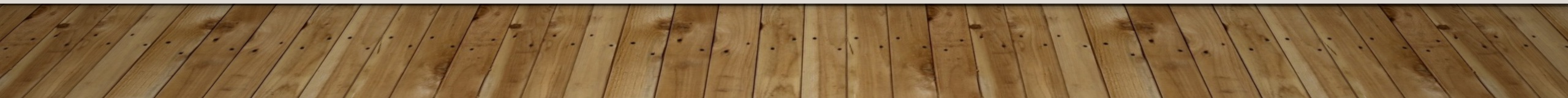


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BORN OF GOD/
BORN FROM ABOVE

- 3 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are **born again.**” 4 “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” 5 Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are **born of water and the Spirit.** 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 **You should not be surprised** at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ (Jn 3:3-7, NIV)
 - “You are **Israel’s teacher,**” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? (Jn 3:10, NIV)
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JAMES 1:18
BORN OF GOD/
BORN FROM ABOVE

- 25 I will sprinkle **clean water** on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a **new heart** and put a **new spirit** in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will **put my Spirit in you** and move you to **follow my decrees** and be careful to **keep my laws**. (Eze 36:25-27, NIV)
 - 38 Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, **rivers of living water** will flow from within them.” 39 By this **he meant the Spirit**, whom those who **believed** in him were later to receive. (Jn 7:38-39, NIV)
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JAMES 1:18 WORD OF TRUTH

- By the **word of the Lord** the **heavens** were **made**, and all their host by the breath of his mouth. (Ps 33:6, NRSV)
- Sanctify them by the truth; your **word is truth** (Jn 17:17, NIV)

Your righteousness is righteous forever,

and your **law is true**. (Ps 119:142, ESV)

But you are near, O LORD,

and all your **commandments** are **true**. (Ps 119:151)


The sum of your **word is truth**,

and every one of your righteous rules endures forever. (Ps 119:160, ESV)



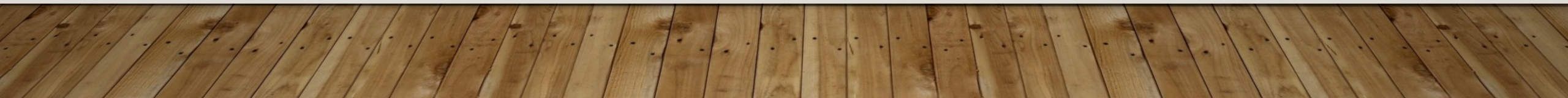


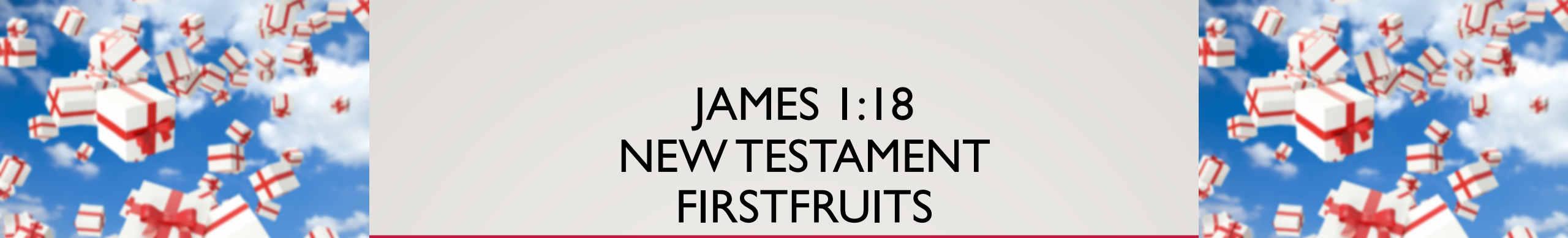
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WORD OF TRUTH:
THE GOSPEL

- Therefore, stripping off all [moral] filthiness and [the] abundance of evil, humbly accept the implanted **word**, which can **save your souls**. (Jas 1:21, AT)
 - In him you also, when you had heard the **word of truth**, the **gospel of your salvation**, and had **believed** in him, were marked with the seal of the **promised Holy Spirit** (Eph 1:13, NRSV)
 - 3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the **word of the truth**, the **gospel** (Col 1:3-5, ESV)
 - Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the **word of truth**. (2 Tim 2:15, NIV)
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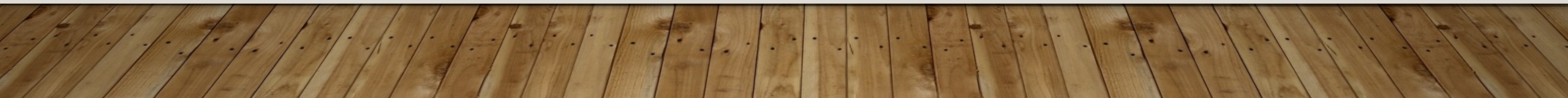


JAMES 1:18
OLD TESTAMENT
FIRSTFRUITS

- “Bring the **best** of the **firstfruits** [*aparchē*, **LXX**] of your soil to the **house of the LORD** your God. (Ex 23:19a, NIV)
 - Israel was holy to the LORD, the **firstfruits** of his harvest; all who devoured her were held guilty, and disaster overtook them,” declares the LORD. (Jer 2:3, NIV)
 - Then say to Pharaoh, “This is what the LORD says: Israel is my **firstborn** son (Ex 4:22, NIV)
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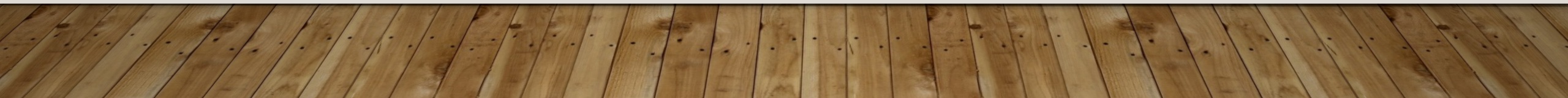


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NEW TESTAMENT
FIRSTFRUITS

- Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the **first convert** [*aparchē*] to Christ in Asia (Rom 16:5, ESV)
 - Brothers, you know the household of Stephanas: They are the **firstfruits** [*aparchē*] of Achaia and have devoted themselves to serving the saints. (1 Cor 16:15, HCSB)
 - But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers **beloved** by the Lord, because God **chose** you as the **firstfruits** [*aparchē*] to be saved, through sanctification **by the Spirit** and **belief in the truth**. (2 Th 2:13, ESV)
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JAMES 1:18
FIRSTFRUITS OF
NEW CREATION

- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, there is a **new creation**: the old has passed away; the new has come! (2 Cor 5:17, AT)
 - 22 We know that the **whole creation** has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the **firstfruits** [*aparché*] of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. (Rom 8:22-23, NIV)
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JAMES 1:18
FIRSTFRUITS OF
NEW CREATION

- Then I saw “a **new heaven** and a **new earth**,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (Rev 21:1-4, NIV)
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